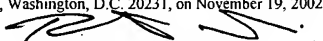


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PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR
PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for entry of the enclosed Amendment claiming benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of provisional application 60/282,739 filed 15 April 2001. The present application is directed to the role of the gene 161P2F10B in certain cancers; aspects of this role were described in provisional application 60/282,739. The applications contain at least one inventor in common and the provisional application discloses the invention claimed herein.

Applicants hereby state that the entire delay between the date the claim for benefit was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5) and the date of the present amendment was unintentional.

Entry of the Amendment and accordation of benefit are respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. **511582006200**.

Respectfully submitted,

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